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# H. R. 1815

To authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 13, 1995

Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself and Mr. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To authorize appropriations for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “National Oceanic and  
5   Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1995”.

### 6   **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       For the purposes of this Act, the term—

1           (1) “Act of 1890” means the Act entitled “An  
2    Act to increase the efficiency and reduce the ex-  
3    penses of the Signal Corps of the Army, and to  
4    transfer the Weather Bureau to the Department of  
5    Agriculture”, approved October 1, 1890 (26 Stat.  
6    653);

7           (2) “Act of 1947” means the Act entitled “An  
8    Act to define the functions and duties of the Coast  
9    and Geodetic Survey, and for other purposes”, ap-  
10   proved August 6, 1947 (33 U.S.C. 883a et seq.);

11          (3) “Act of 1970” means the Act entitled “An  
12    Act to clarify the status and benefits of commis-  
13    sioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
14    pheric Administration, and for other purposes”, ap-  
15   proved December 31, 1970 (33 U.S.C. 857–1 et  
16   seq.);

17          (4) “Administrator” means the Administrator  
18    of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-  
19    tration; and

20          (5) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Com-  
21    merce.

1 **TITLE I—ATMOSPHERIC, WEATH-**  
2 **ER, AND SATELLITE PRO-**  
3 **GRAMS**

4 **SEC. 101. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.**

5 (a) OPERATIONS AND RESEARCH.—There are au-  
6 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to enable the  
7 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to  
8 carry out the operations and research duties of the Na-  
9 tional Weather Service, \$472,338,000 for fiscal year 1996.  
10 Such duties include meteorological, hydrological, and  
11 oceanographic public warnings and forecasts, as well as  
12 applied research in support of such warnings and fore-  
13 casts.

14 (b) SYSTEMS ACQUISITION.—There are authorized to  
15 be appropriated to the Secretary to enable the National  
16 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out the  
17 public warning and forecast systems duties of the National  
18 Weather Service, \$79,034,000 for fiscal year 1996. Such  
19 duties include the development, acquisition, and imple-  
20 mentation of major public warning and forecast systems.  
21 None of the funds authorized under this subsection shall  
22 be used for the purposes for which funds are authorized  
23 under section 102(b) of the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
24 pheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 (Public  
25 Law 102–567). None of the funds authorized by such sec-

1 tion 102(b) shall be expended for a particular NEXRAD  
2 installation unless—

3 (1) it is identified as a National Weather Serv-  
4 ice NEXRAD installation in the National Implemen-  
5 tation Plan for modernization of the National  
6 Weather Service for fiscal year 1995, required under  
7 section 703 of the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
8 pheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992  
9 (Public Law 102–567); or

10 (2) it is to be used only for spare parts, not as  
11 an installation at a particular site.

12 (c) ASOS PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.—Of the sums  
13 authorized in subsection (b), \$16,952,000 for fiscal year  
14 1996 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary,  
15 for the acquisition and deployment of—

16 (A) the Automated Surface Observing System  
17 and related systems, including multisensor and  
18 backup arrays for National Weather Service sites at  
19 airports; and

20 (B) Automated Meteorological Observing Sys-  
21 tem and Remote Automated Meteorological Observ-  
22 ing System replacement units,  
23 and to cover all associated activities, including program  
24 management and operations and maintenance.

1 (d) AWIPS AUTHORIZATION.—Of the sums author-  
2 ized in subsection (b), there are authorized to be appro-  
3 priated to the Secretary \$52,097,000 for fiscal year 1996,  
4 to remain available until expended, for—

5 (1) the acquisition and deployment of the Ad-  
6 vanced Weather Interactive Processing System and  
7 NOAA Port and associated activities; and

8 (2) associated program management and oper-  
9 ations and maintenance.

10 (e) CONSTRUCTION OF WEATHER FORECAST OF-  
11 FICES.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the  
12 Secretary to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
13 Administration to carry out construction, repair, and  
14 modification activities relating to new and existing weath-  
15 er forecast offices, \$20,628,000 for fiscal year 1996. Such  
16 activities include planning, design, and land acquisition re-  
17 lated to such offices.

18 (f) STREAMLINING WEATHER SERVICE MODERNIZA-  
19 TION.—

20 (1) REPEALS.—Sections 706 and 707 of the  
21 Weather Service Modernization Act (15 U.S.C. 313  
22 note) are repealed.

23 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Weather  
24 Service Modernization Act (15 U.S.C. 313 note) is  
25 amended—

(A) in section 702, by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4) through (10) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively; and

(B) in section 703—

(i) by striking “(a) NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—”;

(ii) by striking paragraph (3) and redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) as paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively; and

(iii) by striking subsections (b) and (c).

**SEC. 102. ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH.**

(a) CLIMATE AND AIR QUALITY RESEARCH.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out its climate and air quality research duties, \$86,757,000 for fiscal year 1996. Such duties include interannual and seasonal climate research and long-term climate and air quality research.

(b) ATMOSPHERIC PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out its atmospheric research duties, \$39,894,000 for fiscal

1 year 1996. Such duties include research for developing im-  
2 proved prediction capabilities for atmospheric processes,  
3 as well as solar-terrestrial research and services.

4 (c) GLOBE AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized  
5 to be appropriated to the Secretary to enable the National  
6 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out the  
7 Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environ-  
8 ment program, \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 1996.

9 **SEC. 103. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA,**  
10 **AND INFORMATION SERVICE.**

11 (a) SATELLITE OBSERVING SYSTEMS.—There are  
12 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to enable  
13 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to  
14 carry out its satellite observing systems duties,  
15 \$323,906,000 for fiscal year 1996, to remain available  
16 until expended. None of the funds authorized under this  
17 subsection shall be used for the purposes for which funds  
18 are authorized under section 105(d) of the National Oce-  
19 anic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act  
20 of 1992 (Public Law 102–567). Such duties include space-  
21 craft procurement, launch, and associated ground station  
22 systems involving polar orbiting and geostationary envi-  
23 ronmental satellites, as well as the operation of such sat-  
24 ellites. None of the funds authorized under this subsection  
25 shall be used for the purposes for which funds are author-

1 ized under section 105(d) of the National Oceanic and At-  
2 mospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992  
3 (Public Law 102-567).

4 (b) POES PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.—Of the sums  
5 authorized in subsection (a), there are authorized to be  
6 appropriated to the Secretary \$188,883,000 for fiscal year  
7 1996, to remain available until expended, for the procure-  
8 ment of Polar Orbiting Environmental Satellites K, L, M,  
9 N, and N<sup>1</sup>, and the procurement of the launching and sup-  
10 porting ground systems of such satellites.

11 (c) GEOSTATIONARY OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
12 SATELLITES.—Of the sums authorized in subsection (a),  
13 there are authorized to be appropriated to the Adminis-  
14 trator \$46,300,000 for fiscal year 1996, to remain avail-  
15 able until expended—

16 (1) to procure up to three additional Geo-  
17 stationary Operational Environmental NEXT Sat-  
18 ellites (GOES I-M clones) and instruments; and

19 (2) for contracts, and amendments or modifica-  
20 tions of contracts, with the developer of previous  
21 GOES-NEXT satellites for the acquisition of the ad-  
22 ditional satellites and instruments described in para-  
23 graph (1).

24 (d) ENVIRONMENTAL DATA AND INFORMATION  
25 SERVICES.—There are authorized to be appropriated to



1 the Secretary to enable the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
 2 pheric Administration to carry out its environmental data  
 3 and information services duties, \$31,207,000 for fiscal  
 4 year 1996. Such duties include climate data services, geo-  
 5 physical data services, and environmental assessment and  
 6 information services.

7 (e) NATIONAL POLAR-ORBITING OPERATIONAL EN-  
 8 VIRONMENTAL SATELLITE SYSTEM PROGRAM AUTHOR-  
 9 IZATION.—Of the sums authorized in subsection (a), there  
 10 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, for fis-  
 11 cal year 1996, \$39,500,000, to remain available until ex-  
 12 pended, for the procurement of the National Polar-  
 13 Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System, and  
 14 the procurement of the launching and supporting ground  
 15 systems of such satellites.

## 16 **TITLE II—MARINE RESEARCH**

### 17 **SEC. 201. NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE.**

18 (a) MAPPING AND CHARTING.—There are authorized  
 19 to be appropriated to the Secretary, to enable the National  
 20 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out  
 21 mapping and charting activities under the Act of 1947 and  
 22 any other law involving those activities, \$29,149,000.

23 (b) GEODESY.—There are authorized to be appro-  
 24 priated to the Secretary, to enable the National Oceanic  
 25 and Atmospheric Administration to carry out geodesy ac-

1 tivities under the Act of 1947 and any other law involving  
2 those activities, \$19,927,000 for fiscal year 1996.

3 (c) OBSERVATION AND PREDICTION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
5 appropriated to the Secretary, to enable the Na-  
6 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to  
7 carry out observation and prediction activities under  
8 the Act of 1947 and any other law involving those  
9 activities, \$11,279,000 for fiscal year 1996.

10 (2) CIRCULATORY SURVEY PROGRAM.—In addi-  
11 tion to amounts authorized under paragraph (1),  
12 there are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
13 retary, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
14 pheric Administration to carry out the Circulatory  
15 Survey Program, \$695,000 for fiscal year 1996.

16 (3) OCEAN AND EARTH SCIENCES.—In addition  
17 to amounts authorized under paragraph (1), there  
18 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary,  
19 to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
20 ministration to carry out ocean and earth science ac-  
21 tivities, \$4,231,000 for fiscal year 1996.

22 (d) ESTUARINE AND COASTAL ASSESSMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
24 appropriated to the Secretary, to enable the Na-  
25 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to

1 support estuarine and coastal assessment activities  
2 under the Act of 1947 and any other law involving  
3 those activities, \$1,171,000 for fiscal year 1996.

4 (2) OCEAN ASSESSMENT.—In addition to  
5 amounts authorized under paragraph (1), there are  
6 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, to  
7 enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
8 ministration to carry out the National Status and  
9 Trends Program, the Strategic Environmental As-  
10 sessment Program, and the Hazardous Materials  
11 Response Program, \$8,401,000 for fiscal year 1996.

12 (3) DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.—In addi-  
13 tion to amounts authorized under paragraph (1),  
14 there are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
15 retary, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
16 pheric Administration to carry out the Damage As-  
17 sessment Program, \$585,000 for fiscal year 1996.

18 (4) COASTAL OCEAN PROGRAM.—In addition to  
19 amounts authorized under paragraph (1), there are  
20 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, to  
21 enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
22 ministration to carry out the Coastal Ocean Pro-  
23 gram, \$9,158,000 for fiscal year 1996.

1 **SEC. 202. OCEAN AND GREAT LAKES RESEARCH.**

2 (a) MARINE PREDICTION RESEARCH.—There are au-  
3 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, to enable the  
4 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to  
5 carry out marine prediction research activities under the  
6 Act of 1947, the Act of 1890, and any other law involving  
7 those activities, \$13,763,000 for fiscal year 1996.

8 (b) NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM.—(1)  
9 Section 212(a) of the National Sea Grant College Pro-  
10 gram Act (33 U.S.C. 1131(a)) is amended to read as fol-  
11 lows:

12 “(a) GRANTS AND CONTRACTS; FELLOWSHIPS.—  
13 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out sec-  
14 tions 205 and 208, \$34,500,000 for fiscal year 1996.”.

15 (2) Section 212(b) of the National Sea Grant College  
16 Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1131(b)) is amended by striking  
17 “an amount” and all that follows through “not to exceed  
18 \$2,900,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$1,500,000 for  
19 fiscal year 1996”.

20 (3) Section 203(4) of the National Sea Grant College  
21 Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1122(4)) is amended by striking  
22 “discipline or field” and all that follows through “public  
23 administration)” and inserting in lieu thereof “field or dis-  
24 cipline involving scientific research”.

1   **TITLE III—PROGRAM SUPPORT**

2   **SEC. 301. PROGRAM SUPPORT.**

3       (a) EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
4 ACTIVITIES.—There are authorized to be appropriated to  
5 the Secretary, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
6 pheric Administration to carry out executive direction and  
7 administrative activities under the Act of 1970 and any  
8 other law involving those activities, \$20,632,000 for fiscal  
9 year 1996.

10      (b) CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—There  
11 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, to en-  
12 able the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-  
13 tion to carry out central administrative support activities  
14 under the Act of 1970 and any other law involving those  
15 activities, \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 1996.

16      (c) RETIRED PAY.—There are authorized to be ap-  
17 propriated to the Secretary, for retired pay for retired  
18 commissioned officers of the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
19 pheric Administration under the Act of 1970, \$7,706,000  
20 for fiscal year 1996.

21      (d) MARINE SERVICES.—

22          (1) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—Notwithstand-  
23 ing any other provision of law, the Secretary is au-  
24 thorized to enter into contracts for data or days-at-  
25 sea to fulfill the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

1 Administration missions of marine research, climate  
2 research, fisheries research, and mapping and chart-  
3 ing services.

4 (2) UNOLS VESSEL AGREEMENTS.—In fulfill-  
5 ing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-  
6 tration mission requirements described in paragraph  
7 (1), the Secretary shall use excess capacity of Uni-  
8 versity-National Oceanographic Laboratory System  
9 vessels where appropriate, and may enter into  
10 memoranda of agreement with operators of those  
11 vessels to carry out those mission requirements.

12 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—  
13 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-  
14 retary, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
15 pheric Administration to carry out marine services  
16 activities, including activities described in para-  
17 graphs (1) and (2), \$60,689,000 for fiscal year  
18 1996.

19 (e) AIRCRAFT SERVICES.—There are authorized to be  
20 appropriated to the Secretary, to enable the National Oce-  
21 anic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out aircraft  
22 services activities (including aircraft operations, mainte-  
23 nance, and support) under the Act of 1970 and any other  
24 law involving those activities, \$9,548,000 for fiscal year  
25 1996.

1 (f) FACILITIES REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary, to en-  
3 able the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-  
4 tion to carry out facilities repairs and renovations,  
5 \$7,374,000 for fiscal year 1996.

6 **TITLE IV—STREAMLINING OF**  
7 **OPERATIONS**

8 **SEC. 401. PROGRAM TERMINATIONS.**

9 (a) TERMINATIONS.—No funds may be appropriated  
10 for the following programs and accounts:

11 (1) The National Undersea Research Program.

12 (2) The Fleet Modernization, Shipbuilding, and  
13 Construction Account.

14 (3) The Charleston, South Carolina, Special  
15 Management Plan.

16 (4) Chesapeake Bay Observation Buoys.

17 (5) Federal/State Weather Modernization  
18 Grants.

19 (6) The Southeast Storm Research Account.

20 (7) The Southeast United States Caribbean  
21 Fisheries Oceanographic Coordinated Investigations  
22 Program.

23 (8) National Institute for Environmental Re-  
24 newal.

25 (9) The Lake Champlain Study.

1 (10) The Maine Marine Research Center.

2 (11) The South Carolina Cooperative Geodetic  
3 Survey Account.

4 (12) Pacific Island Technical Assistance.

5 (13) Sea Grant/Oyster Disease Account.

6 (14) National Coastal Research and Develop-  
7 ment Institute Account.

8 (15) VENTS program.

9 (16) National Weather Service Agriculture and  
10 Fruit Frost Program.

11 (17) National Weather Service Fire Weather  
12 Service.

13 (18) National Weather Service Regional Cli-  
14 mate Centers.

15 (19) National Weather Service Samoa Weather  
16 Forecast Office Repair and Upgrade Account.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
19 to the Committee on Science of the House of Representa-  
20 tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
21 Transportation of the Senate a report certifying that all  
22 the programs listed in subsection (a) will be terminated  
23 no later than September 30, 1995.

24 (c) REPEAL OF SEA GRANT PROGRAMS.—



1           (1) REPEALS.—(A) Section 208(b) of the Na-  
2           tional Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C.  
3           1127(b)) is repealed.

4           (B) Section 3 of the Sea Grant Program Im-  
5           provement Act of 1976 (33 U.S.C. 1124a) is re-  
6           pealed.

7           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
8           209(b)(1) of the National Sea Grant College Pro-  
9           gram Act (33 U.S.C. 1128(b)(1)) is amended by  
10          striking “and section 3 of the Sea Grant Improve-  
11          ment Act of 1976”.

12          (d) ADDITIONAL REPEAL.—The NOAA Fleet Mod-  
13          ernization Act (33 U.S.C. 851 note) is repealed.

14   **SEC. 402. LIMITATION ON APPROPRIATIONS.**

15          (a) SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS.—Notwithstanding  
16          any other provision of law, no funds are authorized to be  
17          appropriated for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1996 for  
18          carrying out the programs for which funds are authorized  
19          by this Act.

20          (b) FISCAL YEAR 1996.—No more than  
21          \$1,692,470,000 is authorized to be appropriated to the  
22          Secretary for fiscal year 1996, by this Act or any other  
23          Act, to enable the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-  
24          ministration to carry out all activities associated with Op-  
25          erations, Research, and Facilities.

1 (c) REDUCTION IN TRAVEL BUDGET.—Of the sums  
2 appropriated under this Act for Operations, Research, and  
3 Facilities, no more than \$20,000,000 may be used for re-  
4 imbursement of travel and related expenses for National  
5 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration personnel.

6 **SEC. 403. REDUCTION IN THE COMMISSIONED OFFICER**  
7 **CORPS.**

8 (a) MAXIMUM NUMBER.—The total number of com-  
9 missioned officers on the active list of the National Oce-  
10 anic and Atmospheric Administration shall not exceed—

11 (1) 369 for fiscal year 1996;

12 (2) 100 for fiscal year 1997; and

13 (3) 50 for fiscal year 1998.

14 No such commissioned officers are authorized for any fis-  
15 cal year after fiscal year 1998.

16 (b) SEPARATION PAY.—The Secretary may make  
17 separations required pursuant to subsection (a) without  
18 providing separation pay.

19 **TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS**

20 **SEC. 501. WEATHER DATA BUOYS.**

21 (a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any unau-  
22 thorized person to remove, change the location of, ob-  
23 struct, willfully damage, make fast to, or interfere with  
24 any weather data buoy established, installed, operated, or  
25 maintained by the National Data Buoy Center.

1 (b) CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Administrator is author-  
2 ized to assess a civil penalty against any person who vio-  
3 lates any provision of this section in an amount of not  
4 more than \$10,000 for each violation. Each day during  
5 which such violation continues shall be considered a new  
6 offense. Such penalties shall be assessed after notice and  
7 opportunity for a hearing.

8 (c) REWARDS.—The Administrator may offer and  
9 pay rewards for the apprehension and conviction, or for  
10 information helpful therein, of persons found interfering,  
11 in violation of law, with data buoys maintained by the Na-  
12 tional Data Buoy Center; or for information leading to  
13 the discovery of missing National Weather Service prop-  
14 erty or the recovery thereof.

15 **SEC. 502. DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—To protect life and property and  
17 enhance the national economy, the Secretary, through the  
18 National Weather Service, except as outlined in subsection  
19 (b), shall be responsible for—

20 (1) forecasts and shall serve as the sole official  
21 source of weather warnings;

22 (2) the issue of storm warnings;

23 (3) the collection, exchange, and distribution of  
24 meteorological, hydrological, climatic, and oceano-  
25 graphic data and information; and

1           (4) the preparation of hydrometeorological guid-  
2           ance and core forecast information.

3           (b) COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR.—The  
4           National Weather Service shall not compete, or assist  
5           other entities to compete, with the private sector when a  
6           service is currently provided or can be provided by com-  
7           mercial enterprise, unless—

8           (1) the Secretary finds that the private sector  
9           is unwilling or unable to provide the services; and

10          (2) the service provides vital weather warnings  
11          and forecasts for the protection of lives and property  
12          of the general public.

13          (c) AMENDMENTS.—The Act of 1890 is amended—

14               (1) by striking section 3 (15 U.S.C. 313); and

15               (2) in section 9 (15 U.S.C. 317), by striking all  
16          after “Department of Commerce” and inserting in  
17          lieu thereof a period.

18          (d) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
19          of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
20          to the Committee on Science of the House of Representa-  
21          tives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
22          Transportation of the Senate a report detailing all Na-  
23          tional Weather Service activities which do not conform to  
24          the requirements of this section and outlining a timetable  
25          for their termination.

1 **SEC. 503. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 3302 (b)  
3 and (c) of title 31, United States Code, and subject to  
4 subsection (b) of this section, all amounts received by the  
5 United States in settlement of, or judgment for, damage  
6 claims arising from the October 9, 1992, allision of the  
7 vessel ZACHERY into the National Oceanic and Atmos-  
8 pheric Administration research vessel DISCOVERER—

9 (1) shall be retained as an offsetting collection  
10 in the Marine Services account of the National Oce-  
11 anic and Atmospheric Administration;

12 (2) shall be deposited in that account upon re-  
13 ceipt by the United States Government; and

14 (3) shall be available only for obligation for Na-  
15 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ves-  
16 sel repairs.

17 (b) LIMITATION.—Not more than \$518,757.09 of the  
18 amounts referred to in subsection (a) may be deposited  
19 into the Marine Services account pursuant to subsection  
20 (a).

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